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PURPOSE: To furnish additional information relating to news reporter
 Kent Biffle's interest in captioned subject.

DETAILS: Kent Biffle's name was noted, among others, in personal papers
 belonging to Lee Harvey Oswald (Bufile 105-82555-2579). Biffle was
 interviewed by the FBI on 12/16/63 (Bufile 105-82555-1212). He advised
 that he was formerly employed by the Fort Worth (Texas) Press as a reporter
 in the latter part of 1959 and had been assigned to prepare articles on
 Oswald's defection. He mentioned no personal contacts with Oswald, but
 stated he utilized public source information on Oswald and had contact
 with Oswald's mother and brother for background information. He also
 stated that the resultant articles (three) contained "all the information
 which he actually knew about Oswald."

Recent review of information obtained from a very sensitive
 source in 1959 discloses that Biffle telephonically tried to contact
 Oswald in Russia. One call on 11/14/59 to Oswald at the Hotel Metropole
 in Moscow was "placed" by a "Mr. Biffle," although no conversation was
 recorded. Another call to the hotel by a "Ken Bissle" on 11/16/59 was
 cancelled because of a poor connection (New York File 65-14825-B1-1677
 and 1679). The source of this information has not been utilized since
 1970, has not been disclosed according to information in file (Bufile
 105-7367) and remains sensitive having been characterized in 1970 as a
 source, the "disclosure of which would seriously affect the internal
 security of the United States."

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Since source information does not disclose the results of any
 contact between Biffle and Oswald while Oswald was at the Hotel Metropole
 in Moscow in 1959; since the FBI did interview Biffle concerning his
 interest in Oswald, which he explained; since the new details add nothing
 nor change what is known; and since further written dissemination of these
 new details might only serve to compromise a former source by the
 potential, resultant publicity, it is not felt that written dissemination
 of the new information is warranted at this time.

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